



CONTRACT LAW DIVISION

Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Finance & Litigation



Biweekly Report - Period Ending December 23, 1995

Welcome WASC—New Contracts Workload

NOAA OGC has advised us that they will terminate their support of WASC's procurement functions on January 15, 1996. The attorney, Niel Moeller, who has been providing this support under a delegation from the Department's Office of General Counsel will be reassigned to Fisheries enforcement work. We are working with WASC procurement to determine the level of support required. At this time, we estimate the work as requiring somewhat less than one-half of an attorney per year.

Resolution of IG Audit of Advertising Council Contract

Fred Kopatich attended a second meeting with Census and Advertising Council personnel and the Council's attorney to discuss resolution of the IG's cost incurred audit. It now appears that a settlement of the matter may be completed in the next month.

Data Backup and Archiving Capacity

We are assisting the Bureau of Census at the early stages of the process leading to the acquisition of improved capacity for data backup and archiving of Census data. The Bureau prefers to purchase a commercial off-the-shelf system; in a study commissioned by the Bureau,

this was determined to be feasible, but the software for the such a system does not currently exist. Census would like to work with an identified company to jointly develop the software through a vehicle other than a procurement contract. Our preliminary assessment is that the development must be accomplished through a procurement, rather than a cooperative agreement, because the end result of the arrangement will be the acquisition by the Bureau (through licensing or otherwise) of the software. Fred Kopatich is advising.

NEXRAD (Unisys Appeal)

Terry Lee and Steve Carrara are in New York this week conducting depositions for this appeal.

Garza v. DOC—GSBCA 13332-COM

In this construction delay case, the Board partially granted our motion for summary judgment to dismiss several claims based on an earlier release by Appellant. Depositions on the remaining items in dispute are being conducted in California this week. Jeff Hughes has the case.

GOES

We continue to assist SAO and NOAA with replies to Hill staff questions regarding the acquisition of additional GOES satellites. At issue is compliance with new Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act requirements for sole source acquisitions. Roxie Jones is advising.

SETSS

Mark Langstein attended an SEB which approved issuing the RFP in this estimated \$32 million acquisition of technical support services to support NWS modernization activities.

Actions Completed/Received during Period

From 12/10/95		To 12/23/95	
Received		Completed	
NOAA	5		2
Total	5	Total	2

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